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EMPLOYMENT AND UNEMPLOYMENT.

Statistics from various sources which offer some indication of the change in the intensity of unemployment, and in the volume of factory employment are made available by the Commonwealth Statistician (Mr. E. T. McPhee).

UNEMPLOYMENT, 2nd QUARTER, 1933.

The figures relating to unemployment are similar to those published quarterly in the past, and are derived from returns furnished by Trade Unions.

The number of trade unionists represented in the returns from which the following figures have been derived is normally about half the total. The proportion is now, perhaps, rather higher because the Unions from which no returns are received include those with the most fluctuating membership, and whose membership at the present time is probably unusually low. Generally, it may be said that the returns of unemployment include little information about rural employment, so that the percentage results given herein do not vary greatly with the season. The total unemployment in the country, however, may be affected a good deal by the crop seasons.

The percentages of unemployment in reporting Trade Unions for each quarter since the beginning of 1931 are as follows:-

1931	1st Quarter	..	25.8	per cent.
	2nd "	..	27.6	" "
	3rd "	..	28.3	" "
	4th "	..	28.0	" "
1932	1st "	..	28.3	" "
	2nd "	..	30.0	" "
	3rd "	..	29.6	" "
	4th "	..	28.1	" "
1933	1st "	..	26.5	" "
	2nd "	..	25.7	" "

It should be noted that the figures refer to the mid-month of each quarter, and represent the conditions at the middle of that month. Consequently, the latest figures referred to herein relate to the middle of May, 1933.

The percentages given above show the almost continuous rise in unemployment which had been uninterrupted since 1929. After remaining fairly constant at 28.0 per cent. to 28.3 per cent. for three quarters - from August, 1931, to February, 1932 - the maximum point hitherto attained was reached in May, 1932, when the proportion of unemployment in the reporting Trade Unions was 30 per cent. of the membership.

From the apex the proportion of unemployed decreased by 4 per thousand in the third quarter of 1932, and in the two quarters following the improvement was much more marked, amounting to 15 per 1,000 in the fourth quarter of 1932, and to 16 per 1,000 in the first quarter of 1933. The figures for the quarter ended and which show the position as at the middle of May, 1933, show a further improvement, though the rate has slowed down to 8 per thousand. Since the maximum point was reached in February, 1932, the rate of unemployment has diminished by 4.3 per cent. or 43 per thousand members.

This improvement since the 2nd quarter of 1932 has been experienced in all the States in the following order (per 1,000 members):- Tasmania 84; South Australia 52; Victoria 47; Queensland and Western Australia 43; New South Wales 36. The more recent improvement during the 2nd quarter of 1933 over the previous quarter was also general throughout the States in the following order:- Improvement per 1,000 members - Queensland and Western Australia 11; Victoria 9; Tasmania 8; New South Wales 6; South Australia 5.

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Among the industrial groups those showing the greatest improvement, per 1,000 members in unemployment since the peak in 1932 are:- Other Manufacturing (undefined) 71; Mines and Quarries 61; Building 55; Clothing, hats, boots, &c., 52; Wood, furniture, etc., 43; Land Transport (other than Railways and Tramways) 42; Engineering and Metal Working 39.

The usual tables for Trade Union Unemployment are appended.

UNEMPLOYMENT - AUSTRALIA - Number and Membership of Trade Unions Reporting, and Number and Percentage Unemployed - 1st Quarter, 1929; and 2nd Quarter, 1932, to 2nd Quarter, 1933.

AUSTRALIA	1st Quarter 1929	2nd Quarter 1932	3rd Quarter 1932	4th Quarter 1932	1st Quarter 1933	2nd Quarter 1933
Number of Unions ..	375	396	395	392	394	394
Membership ..	420,756	413,742	412,997	409,902	412,674	415,559
Unemployed - Number ..	39,159	124,068	122,340	115,042	109,182	106,652
Percentage	9.3	30.0	29.6	28.1	26.5	25.7

Percentage of Members of Trade Unions returned as Unemployed in each State for the 1st Quarter, 1929; 2nd Quarter, 1932 to 2nd Quarter, 1933.

State	1st Quarter 1929	2nd Quarter 1932	3rd Quarter 1932	4th Quarter 1932	1st Quarter 1933	2nd Quarter 1933
	%	%	%	%	%	%
New South Wales ..	9.7	33.2	33.0	31.9	30.2	29.6
Victoria ..	8.6	27.7	27.0	25.2	23.9	23.0
Queensland ..	7.1	19.9	19.3	17.9	16.7	15.6
South Australia ..	13.2	35.2	35.4	32.2	30.5	30.0
Western Australia ..	8.5	30.3	30.1	28.9	27.1	26.0
Tasmania ..	8.7	27.4	26.9	23.8	19.8	19.0
<u>AUSTRALIA</u> ..	9.3	30.0	29.6	28.1	26.5	25.7

Unemployment Percentages in Industrial Groups - Australia - 1st Quarter, 1929; 2nd Quarter, 1932 to 2nd Quarter, 1933.

Industrial Group	1st Quarter 1929	2nd Quarter 1932	3rd Quarter 1932	4th Quarter 1932	1st Quarter 1933	2nd Quarter 1933
	%	%	%	%	%	%
I. Wood, Furniture, etc.	6.5	39.6	39.4	38.4	36.2	35.3
II. Engineering, Metal Works, etc.	11.2	33.9	32.9	31.6	30.2	30.0
III. Food, Drink, Tobacco, etc.	5.4	19.4	20.7	18.4	16.6	16.7
IV. Clothing, Hats, Boots, etc.	9.8	22.6	21.3	17.8	17.1	17.4
V. Books, Printing, etc.	2.6	16.8	16.7	15.6	15.8	15.9
VI. Other Manufacturing	13.8	43.0	41.3	39.8	37.8	35.9
VII. Building ..	10.6	42.1	41.6	40.2	38.7	36.6
VIII. Mining, Quarrying, etc.	13.2	34.2	35.6	33.7	29.1	28.1
X. Land Transport, other than Railway and Tramway Services	7.6	29.6	29.9	28.0	27.1	25.4
IX, XI, XII, XIII, and XIV, Other and Miscellaneous	7.3	22.2	22.0	21.1	19.9	19.2
<u>TOTAL</u> ..	9.3	30.0	29.6	28.1	26.5	25.7

EMPLOYMENT.

As a supplement to the figures of unemployment given above, some figures indicating the changes in employment in factories are given below for four States. The figures for New South Wales, South Australia and Western Australia have been supplied by the Government Statisticians for those States, (for convenience of comparison the figures for New South Wales have been converted to a per centage basis) while the figures for Queensland have been taken from the "Economic News" issued by the Queensland Bureau of Industry. Similar figures are not available for Victoria or Tasmania.

The figures given immediately below for New South Wales are based on 42 factories representing about 11 per cent. of all factory employment in that State; the South Australian figures are based on not less than 50 per cent. of all factory employment; while Western Australian figures cover 35 per cent. of all persons similarly employed.

INDEX OF FACTORY EMPLOYMENT.

Base.- New South Wales and South Australian results are shown as per centages on the numbers employed in January 1930; Western Australian figures are related to the average monthly employment for the year 1929-30.

No allowance has been made in the following figures for increased population.

Month	New South Wales	South Australia	Western Australia
January, 1930	100	100	100(a)
January, 1931	75	71	(b)
January, 1932	76	70	65
January, 1933	84	79	82
February, "	87	83	83
March, "	86	85	83

(a) Base - Year 1929-30 (b) Not available.

A more recent investigation by the Government Statistician of New South Wales, which was extended to nearly 100 of the larger factories, indicates that there were 40,157 employees on the pay sheets in the middle week of March, 1933, compared with 35,435 in the corresponding week of 1932. This represents an increase in factory employment of 13.3 per cent., and is considerably higher than the figures obtained from the 42 factories referred to above.

QUEENSLAND. (From "Economic News" May-June, 1933.)

Employment and Unemployment - Men Wage-earners.

(Full-time, including its equivalent in "rationed" employment and unemployment).

Period	Percentage of all who are dependent on employment		Approximate number (including the equivalent of rationing)	
	Employed	Unemployed	Employed	Unemployed
Average 1929 ..	89.0	11.0	146,850	18,150
" 1930 ..	82.0	18.0	137,330	30,145
" 1931 ..	69.9	30.1	118,830	51,170
" 1932 ..	69.0	31.0	118,990	53,460
3 months ended -				
March, 1932 ..	67.0	33.0	115,039	56,661
April, " ..	68.3	31.7	117,416	54,496
June, " ..	67.9	32.1	117,017	55,520
Sept. " ..	71.2	28.8	123,163	49,819
Decemb. " ..	70.2	29.8	121,888	51,741
January 1933	68.7	31.3	119,431	54,413
February " ..	68.5	31.5	119,231	54,829
March " ..	68.9	31.1	120,075	54,200
April " ..	70.4	29.6	122,842	51,649

"Unemployment has declined to approximately the same levels as prevailed in the last half of 1932, and is about 2,850 less than twelve months ago. Apparent discrepancies in the above figures are explained by growth of population. Normal seasonal fluctuations have been eliminated, and the actual figures vary with the season more than those shown."

(Source: Unemployment Insurance Contributions).

BUILDING PERMITS.

A further index of the relative activity in industry is furnished by Building Permits issued and the estimated cost of the proposed buildings and repairs.

The following table gives details of the value of Building Permits issued in the six Capital Cities and Suburbs of the Commonwealth for the periods shown.

Year	New Dwellings	Other New Buildings	Alterations & Additions	Total Value All Building Operations
	£	£	£	£
1928 ..	17,547,932	4,923,432	873,282	23,344,646
1929 ..	15,165,875	4,443,784	931,410	20,541,069
1930 ..	4,454,429	1,881,174	1,190,754	7,526,357
1931 ..	1,249,421	1,818,764	1,128,938	4,197,123
1932 ..	2,414,454	1,710,965	1,680,796	5,806,215
1931 1st Qr.	368,623	333,253	312,833	1,014,709
1932 "	437,447	405,288	279,752	1,122,487
1933 "	756,641	202,099	486,028	1,444,768

Commonwealth Bureau of Census and Statistics,

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